

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8 are currently pending in this application. Claim 9 has been withdrawn as a non-elected invention.

Election/Restrictions

The attorney for the applicant elected Species 1 without traverse. However, claims 4 – 6 and 8 were withdrawn by the examiner as directed to Species 2, Figures 7 – 8. Claims 4 – 6 and 8 are directed to Species as illustrated in Figures 1 – 6. Thus claims 4 – 6 and 8 should have been examined in the previous Office Action. The differences between Species 1 and 2 are the additional vertical supports that allow the use of six display cases.

Response to Objections to the Drawings

The drawings have been amended to include the missing reference numbers.

Response to Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 1 – 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Liaw. Liaw discloses a foldable serving cart that has multiple support boards that are fastened together by propping rods. The support boards pivot between horizontal and vertical positions. However these support boards are fastened to the propping rods so that they pivot in unison. This prevents the support boards from pivoting independently from one another.

The claims as presently amended include the limitation of attachment mechanisms for each display case that allows the display cases to pivot independently from one another. This limitation is not disclosed by Liaw. It has been clearly established that under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed invention, it must disclose every limitation of the claimed invention. In this instance, Liaw does not disclose the limitation of the independent pivoting movement of the display cases. Thus claim 1 is allowable over this reference.

Claims 2 – 9 includes the limitations of claim 1 and are thus allowable for that reason. Further, claim 6 includes the limitation of the first display case pivots vertically between the second and third display cases. This limitation is also not disclosed by Liaw.

The Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1 – 8 be allowed in view of the above remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if further discussions would advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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